

## Message Text

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O R 151444Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7974  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
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AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
USLO RIYADH  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, LE  
SUBJECT: CABINET WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION

1. ON MAY 15 PRIME MINISTER AL-HOSS WITHDREW THE  
APRIL 19 RESIGNATION OF HIS EIGHT-MAN "TECHNOCRATIC"  
CABINET. PRESIDENT SARKIS FORMALLY ACCEPTED AL-HOSS'  
DECISION.

2. SARKIS EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD TRIED TO FORM A  
NATIONAL UNITY CABINET, BUT HAD SETTLED ON REAPPOINTMENT  
OF THE EXISTING CABINET IN THE HOPE THAT TIME WOULD  
HEAL EXISTING WOUNDS AND ALLOW APPOINTMENT OF A NATIONAL  
UNITY CABINET LATER. SARKIS NOTED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF  
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AN AGREEMENT ON A POLITICAL CABINET, HE WAS FACED WITH  
EITHER ALLOWING THE PRESENT CABINET TO REMAIN IN OFFICE  
OR WITH APPOINTING A NEW CABINET SIMILAR IN COMPOSITION  
TO THE OUTGOING ONE. HE HAD CHOSEN THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE  
BECAUSE THE PRESENT MINISTERS WERE FAMILIAR WITH  
EXISTING GOVERNMENT PROBLEMS.

3. BOTH PIERRE GEMAYEL AND SPEAKER KAMAL AL ASSAD  
ENDORSED THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION, WHLE SAYING THAT  
THEY HOPED THAT FUTURE CONDITIONS WOULD PERMIT FORMATION  
OF A NATIONAL UNITY CABINET. BOTH ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED  
THAT THE PRESENT CABINET WAS NOT BOUND BY THE SIX POINT  
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT ON  
APRIL 27.

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